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1. AS REPORTED IN THE REFERENCED USINFO, THE POST IS REPEATING HERE FOR BROADER DISTRIBUTION, A SUMMARY OF WEST GERMAN MEDIA REPORTING FOR DECEMBER 11 THROUGH 17TH, ON LOCKHEED AND THE BAVARIAN CSU.

2. ALLEGED PAYMENTS BY LOCKHEED TO THE CHRISTIAN SOCIAL UNION (CSU) TO PROMOTE THE SALE OF STARFIGHTERS IN THE FRG REMAINS A TOP STORY IN THIS COUNTRY. THE MUNICH FIRST DISTRICT COURT LAST WEEK GRANTED THE CSU AN INTERIM INJUNCTION, PROHIBITING STERN MAGAZINE FROM SPEAKING OF "LOCKHEED PAYMENTS TO THE CSU OF AT LEAST \$ 10 MILLION." THE MAGAZINE HAD CARRIED A NINE-PAGE STORY ON THE ALLEGED LOCKHEED PAYMENTS UNDER THE HEADLINE, "THE GODFATHER" (IN REFERENCE TO CSU CHAIRMAN FRANZ-JOSEF STRAUSS, WHO IS THE GODFATHER OF A CHILD OF FORMER LOCKHEED LOBBYIST ERNEST F. HAUSER). STERN HAS APPEALED THE INJUNCTION, AND, IN A STATEMENT TO THE GERMAN NEWS AGENCY DPA, STERN EXECUTIVES POINTED UNCLASSIFIED

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OUT THAT THE MUNICH COURT HAD RULED OUT REMARKS WHICH

HAD NOT ORIGINATED WITH STERN BUT WITH HAUSER. THE MAGAZINE FURTHER SAID THAT "REPUTABLE AMERICAN PAPERS SUCH AS WALLSTREET JOURNAL AND THE NEW YORK TIMES.. HAD CARRIED SIMILAR REPORTS.

3. MEANWHILE, DIE WELT REPORTED THAT THE CSU IS TRYING "WITH ALL POSSIBLE MEANS" TO BRING ACTION AGAINST HAUSER BEFORE A U.S. COURT, SINCE GERMAN COURT ACTION WOULD NOT YIELD ANY SUCCESS. "HAUSER, BECAUSE OF PREVIOUS CRIMINAL ACTS, IS NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC," A CSU SPOKESMAN IS QUOTED AS HAVING SAID. IN 1971, A BONN COURT HAD CHARGED HIM WITH MALFEASANCE AND FALSIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS AND HAD SENTENCED HIM TO ONE YEAR IMPRISONMENT. THE SENTENCE WAS SUSPENDED. DIE WELT ALSO QUOTED A CSU SPOKESMAN IN CONNECTION WITH CSU INVESTIGATIONS REGARDING POSSIBLE COOPERATION BETWEEN STERN AND THE WALLSTREET JOURNAL IN PUBLISHING THE STORY. "WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN HINTS TO THAT EFFECT, INCLUDING ONE THAT A BOMB WAS TO BE IGNITED AGAINST STRAUSS ABROAD IN TIME FOR THE 1976 FEDERAL ELECTIONS." THAT THE FRG ELECTIONS FIGURE IN THIS STORY IS REFLECTED IN THE "GROWING INTEREST" (SUEDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG) WITH WHICH THE SPD AND FDP VIEW "THE JUDICIAL UNDERTAKINGS BY WHICH THE CSU DEFENDS ITSELF AGAINST THE SPREADING OF THE CLAIM THAT IT HAD ACCEPTED CONSIDERABLE BRIBES FROM LOCKHEED IN THE EARLY SIXTIES."

4. ON DECEMBER 15, GERMAN TV'S FIRST CHANNEL MONITOR CARRIED INTERVIEWS WITH HAUSER AND EX-GENERAL RALL. HAUSER REITERATED HIS EARLIER STATEMENT THAT BRIBE MONEY HAD BEEN PAID TO RALL, WHILE RALL INSISTED THAT "THE ACCUSATIONS ARE WRONG AND ABSURD." HAUSER FURTHER ASSERTED THAT STRAUSS, "WITH WHOM I WAS IN VERY GOOD STANDING, ASKED ME IN THE PRESENCE OF COL. GERD SCHMUECKLE TO ACCEPT THE JOB WITH LOCKHEED SO THAT HE (STRAUSS) HAD A PERSON HE COULD TRUST IN THE FIRM." THE TV PROGRAM DID NOT PRESENT ALL THE MATERIAL IT HAD INTENDED, HOWEVER, SINCE THE CSU, 45 MINUTES BEFORE BROADCAST TIME, HAS WON AN INTERIM UNCLASSIFIED

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INJUNCTION FORBIDDING AIRING OF THE ENTIRE PROGRAM.

5. THE AIRING OF THE HAUSER AND RALL INTERVIEWS AND THE COINCIDING NEWS FROM THE UNITED STATES THAT A FEDERAL JUDGE HAD ORDERED LOCKHEED TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DOCUMENTATION PROMPTED A NEW SPATE OF PRESS COMMENT UNDER SUCH HEADLINES AS "LOCKHEED AFFAIR COMES TO A HEAD" (SUEDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG); "HAUSER TO REPEAT HIS

CHARGES IN BONN" (FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU) AND "WHO
CASHED IN ON STARFIGHTER?" (NRZ). ACCORDING TO
FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG, GERD SCHMUECKLE, NOW
DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF (IMS) IN

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BRUSSELS, IS CONSIDERING A SUIT AGAINST THE EDITOR OF
MONITOR ON THE GROUNDS THAT HE, SCHMUECKLE,
DURING HIS YEARS AS PRESS SPOKESMAN OF THE FEDERAL
MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, HAD "NEVER HEARD OR SEEN ANYTHING
REGARDING SUCH PAYMENTS."

6. THE NEWS THAT A U.S. FEDERAL COURT HAD ORDERED
LOCKHEED TO LAY OPEN COMPANY DOCUMENTS IS VIEWED IN
BONN "WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION," SUEDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG
REPORTED. ONE ALSO WAITS "WITH INTEREST," THE PAPER
SAID, TO SEE IF "NEXT TO HAUSER, WHOSE CREDIBILITY AS
A WITNESS IS DISPUTED, ANOTHER WITNESS WILL BE FOUND,
PREPARED TO TESTIFY UNDER OATH THAT BRIBES HAVE BEEN
PAID." HAUSER HAD EPXRESSED HIMSELF IN THAT VEIN IN
MONITOR.

7. SUEDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG ALSO REPORTED THAT MONITOR

EDITORS, "ACCORDING TO THEIR OWN STATEMENTS," HAD TRIED IN VAIN TO SOLICIT AN INTERVIEW WITH STRAUSS OR ANOTHER AUTHORIZED CSU SPOKESMAN. STRAUSS HAD, HOWEVER, OFFERED TO BE INTERVIEWED BY GERMAN TV'S FIRST CHANNEL NEWS PROGRAM TAGESSCHAU BUT, ACCORDING TO THE PAPER, THE INTERVIEW DID NOT MATERIALIZE BECAUSE UNCLASSIFIED

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THE STATION DID NOT WISH TO COVER THE STERN STORY THAT WAS JUST BREAKING OR THE CSU'S REACTION TO IT. THE SUGGESTION THAT HE BE INTERVIEWED INSTEAD BY MONITOR WAS REJECTED BY STRAUSS ON THE GROUNDS THAT HAUSER WAS TO APPEAR ON THE SAME PROGRAM. HAUSER, FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU REPORTED, SAID HE WAS WILLING TO TESTIFY BEFORE A BONN INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE AND REPEAT HIS CHARGES.

8. SECRETARY KISSINGER'S EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT "PREMATURE DISCLOSURE TO THIRD PARTIES OF CERTAIN OF THE NAMES AND NATIONALITIES OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS AT THIS PRELIMINARY STAGE OF THE PROCEEDINGS WOULD CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE UNITED STATES FOREIGN RELATIONS" (UPI) WAS SPECIFICALLY CITED BY GENERAL-ANZEIGER AND THE NRZ. "HIS OBJECTIONS MET WITH ONLY LIMITED SUCCESS," GENERAL-ANZEIGER OBSERVED. A DEC. L5 UPI REPORT SAID THAT "LOCKHEED LAWYERS (IN APPEARANCES BEFORE JUDGE JOHN F. PRATT) INDICATED THERE WAS

SENSITIVE MATERIAL INVOLVING WEST EUROPE."

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